## Milk Producers Ask Retention Of Handler Pool

Philadelphia, Dairy farmers from central Pennsylvania, the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and Southern New Jersey went on the witness stand at the U.S. Department of Agriculture hearing to ask retenuon of a handler pool type of pricing in the Philadelphia - Wilmington -South Jersey area with prices to farmers depending on individual dealers' utilization, rather than a marketwide pool.

J. Lin. Huber ot St. Thomas acids needed for growth. in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, said he was sleaking both as an individual producer who discusses marketing problems with his neighbors and as president of Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative, which has about 4,000 members in Del., Md, NJ, and Pa., shipping to the proposed

"The handler pool is the only legitimate economic protection that we as producers have to keep unnecessary milk from landing in the Philadelphia market," Huber said.

F. Bennett Carter of Centreville, Md, vice president of the Cooperative, said, "I firmly believe that elimination of the handler pool from this area would ont only work a terrific hardship on many present Philadelphia-Wilmington-South Jersey farmers; it would also work ? hardship on the whole area and the Order 2 (New York-North Jersey) producers would not be helped."

"We strongly ravor a handler-pool order to combine the present Philadelphia and Wilmington orders, and to include the areas of southern New Jersey not now covered by a federal order," said C H. Fields of the New Jersey Farm Bureau He urged that such an order be written and put into operation with the least possible delay

David L Middleton, manager of United Milk Producers Cooperative Association of New Jersey, testified that there is "dire need" for lederal regulation in South Jersey and that it would make a natural marketing area with Philadelphia and Wilmington

The hearing, which opened March 5 before USDA Hearing Master, will continue until all interested parties have put

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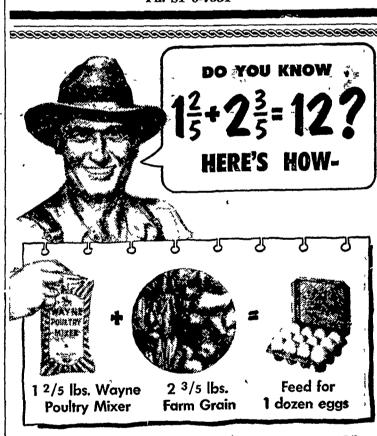
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